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S. RES. 434

Recognizing and supporting all efforts to promote greater civic awareness
among the people of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. REID, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. DAYTON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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civic awareness among the people of the United States.

Whereas the Constitution of the United States establishes a representative form of government in which the people of the United States elect Members of the House of Representatives and Senators of the Senate, and each of the States appoint electors who, based on the popular vote of the State, select the President and the Vice-President;

Whereas the 15th, 19th, 24th, and 26th amendments to the Constitution establish that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude; on account of sex; by reason of failure to pay any poll

tax or other tax; and on account of age for those 18 years of age and older;

Whereas the right of citizens of the United States to vote is fundamental to our representative form of government;

Whereas many eligible citizens do not exercise the right to vote;

Whereas numerous civic awareness organizations and advocacy groups at the Federal, State, and local level actively promote voter registration and voter participation; and

Whereas many communities and schools have instituted civic awareness programs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes and supports all efforts to pro-
3 mote greater civic awareness among the people of
4 the United States, including civic awareness pro-
5 grams such as candidate forums and voter registra-
6 tion drives; and

7 (2) encourages local communities and elected
8 officials at all levels of government to promote great-
9 er awareness among the electorate of civic responsi-
10 bility and the importance of participating in these
11 elections.

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